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Subject: PSIO SITREP UPDATE #4 – 5 Feb 2022 – Freedom Convoy Solidarity Activity

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ONLY: SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS SITUATION DEVELOPS. INFORMATION MAY BE BASED ON UNCONFIRMED REPORTING.

UPDATE #4

DATE/TIME: February 5, 2022 @ 1800 hrs

PURPOSE: To provide aggregated situational awareness regarding “Freedom Convoy” solidarity activity impacting Alberta.

BACKGROUND: No Change

CURRENT STATUS:

Coutts Border Crossing

- As of 17:00 hrs, social media posts indicates considerable number of supporter on HWY 4 near Milk River.

Alberta Legislature / McDougall Centre

- As of 17:17 hrs, EPS report: very small number of pers on the Legislature Grounds.
- Some chatter regarding intent to stay the night, possibly finding places to camp overnight. No camps set-up and support does not seem to have gained support.
- Sheriffs report: 0 tickets issued; 0 arrests; 0 reportable incidents.

City of Edmonton & Environs

- As of 17:17 hrs, EPS report:
 - Protest participation is decaying. Pers appearing to head home.
 - Limited pers on the Legislature Grounds.
 - Small group (approx 50) still on the side of 109 Street.
 - Still some traffic congestion on 109 Street, but manageable.

- Some enforcement action at 109 Street / 99 Avenue after EPS member was nearly struck on foot.
- AIR-1 landing for fuel/crew change shortly. We will assess if they will be needed further at that time.
- Assessment at 1800 hrs as to when the EOC will be stood down.
- Notable counter protester activity appears to have been limited to condo owners throwing eggs at protesters off of balconies in downtown.
- Sheriffs report that support for gridlocking downtown isn't as high required to sustain action, and idea has lost momentum with pers dispersing.
- City EOC is observing what the crowds are doing and will reassess if they will remain at level 2 after 1800.
- Anthony Henday now moving well.

City of Calgary & Environs

- CPS after action reports:
 - 75-80 vehicles (4 semis) left on prearranged route around the city along the Stoney ring road at 1200hrs. Organizer very cooperative and worked with CPS. Traffic members helped facilitate a safe protest and once the group was on the ring road ½ the traffic units disengaged to redeploy to the unassociated downtown protest at Central Memorial park. Some convoy members splintered off after an hour and the rest of the group completed the lap at 1545hrs and called it quits. Minimal traffic disruption for the size of the convoy and the couple times they got off route by accident. Fantastic job by Traffic and the Sheriffs that assisted CPS.
 - Freedom Rally Central Memorial park. 1300hrs start and at its peak estimated 3000-4000 protesters with approximately 20 vehicles, including a few large vehicles and a dump truck that continuously blew its air horn causing several noise complaints from the community. Several other complaints from the community regarding the size of the crowd and duration of delays. 1545hrs march completed and the roads reopened once all protesters back in the park. 1620hrs event completed. Some minor altercations and couple incidents of projectiles such as eggs thrown at the marchers. Media was on site from a couple networks and wandered into the crowd causing some angst. It appeared fewer disruption to the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre compared to last Saturday. Great job by all members on site once again.

Regional Municipalities / Rural

- Fort McMurray event appears to be winding down. Some mention of another event next week.

Ottawa "Freedom Convoy 2022"

- Not assessed.

Other Provinces / National

- Not assessed.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Justice & Solicitor General (JSG):

- No change.

Transportation (TRANS):

- No change.

Municipal Affairs:

- No change

Jobs, Economy, and Innovation (JEI):

- No change

Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development (AFRED):

- No change

ASSESSMENT & STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Legislature convoy participants appear to be disengaging and dispersing.
- Aggregate reporting indicates overall peaceful protest throughout province.
- Attendance at homes of public officials does not appear longer likely at this time.

FORECAST:

- Continuance of significant protest activity at Legislature on Sun 6 Feb appears highly unlikely.
- Coutts Border Crossing interference appears to maintain significant local support. Expected to remain main point of concern for 6 Feb and beyond.

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